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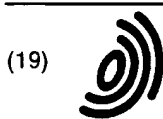
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Description

The present invention relates to yeast promoters, in other words nucleotide sequences which will direct expression of coding sequences in yeasts, for example *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*. Several such promoters have previously been isolated from yeasts and shown to be useful for directing the expression of heterologous coding sequences in yeast. The term "heterologous" in this specification is used to mean that the coding sequence is not the one whose expression is directed by the promoter in the wild-type organism in which the promoter is found; usually the coding sequence is one which is not found in the wild-type organism at all.

Sprague *et al* (1977 *J. Bact.* **129**, 1335-1342) disclosed yeast mutants deficient in the *GUT2* gene, which encodes a glycerol-3-phosphate dehydrogenase. Chen (1988 *Diss. Abstracts Int. B* **49**(3), 723) disclosed the purification and characterisation of a yeast glycerol-3-phosphate dehydrogenase. Kingsman *et al* (1990 *Methods in Enzymol.* **185**, 329-341) disclosed various promoters useful in yeast, including that of phosphoglycerate-kinase.

We have now found a further yeast promoter which can be used in this way, as can fragments of it, with advantages which were not predictable.

One aspect of the invention provides a DNA promoter sequence SEQ1, or a variant or a functional portion of said sequence, in isolation from the coding sequence which would normally neighbour the said sequence in wild-type *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*.

Although it will usually be undesirable, because a fusion protein will be produced when the promoter is used to express a heterologous protein, the promoter of the invention may be accompanied by a portion of the coding sequence which normally abuts it.

A "variant or functional portion" of the sequence is one which has minor variations of nucleotides and/or a shorter length, respectively, but which still retains at least 80% (preferably 90%, 95% or 99%) of the ability of the said sequence to promote transcription of a human albumin coding sequence positioned downstream thereof, with the other parameters of the two expression systems which are being compared (such as 3' regulatory regions) being the same. Alternatively, the variant or portion need retain only 10% of the said transcription-promoting activity provided that it is repressed by complex carbon sources and derepressed by the absence of such sources. In the case of a portion of the said sequence, such regulatory activity may be determined for the portion alone (ie without any other 5' regulatory sequence) or in conjunction with another 5' regulatory sequence positioned 5' or 3' to the said portion. A "variant" has 80%, preferably 90%, 95%, or 99% homology with the said sequence.

A "functional portion" of the sequence has 80%, or, preferably, 90%, 95%, 99% or 100% homology with the most homologous region of the said sequence. The portion is at least 100 nucleotides long, more preferably at least 200, 300, 400, 500, 1000 or 1500 nucleotides long. Suitably, the "functional portion" retains the ability of the said sequence to be repressed in the presence of complex carbon sources such as glucose and sucrose and to be derepressed in the absence of such sources whether or not glycerol or ethanol are present.

Suitably, the 3' end of any "functional portion" corresponds to the 3' end of SEQ1 and the said portion extends continuously away from the said 3' end in a 5' direction for up to about 1.35 or 1.40 kbp, beyond which (in the native environment) there appears to be a gene for Ala-tRNA^{GCU}. In nature, the 3' end of SEQ1 immediately precedes the ATG start codon.

Advantageously, the functional portion comprises SEQ3, in other words the 379 bp region immediately upstream of the ATG start codon, optionally with further 5' sections of the said sequence.

SEQ1, variants, portions and arrangements thereof described above are hereinafter referred to as a promoter of the invention.

The glycerol-3-phosphate dehydrogenase coding region has been shown to be homologous to the glycerol-3-phosphate dehydrogenase genes of mouse, rabbit, and *Drosophila melanogaster* with which it has 64, 60 and 56 percent homology respectively. Glycerol-3-phosphate dehydrogenase is one of two enzymes required to convert glycerol into dihydroxyacetone phosphate; these are essential genes if glycerol is supplied as a sole carbon source. SEQ2 shows a part of the 5' region flanking the promoter and is constituted by the SEQ1 region plus 123 bp upstream thereof, and the ATG start codon.

A promoter of the invention may be located on a cloning vector or an expression vector adjacent a restriction site such that a heterologous coding sequence may be located downstream of the promoter and in correct reading frame in relation to a translational start codon. The start codon may be provided on the vector (eg immediately 3' to the promoter) or it may be inserted as a 5' end of the heterologous coding sequence. A linker may be provided between the promoter of the invention and the start codon, if desired. 3' regulatory regions may similarly be provided on the vector or inserted with the coding sequence. The transcription termination signal is preferably the 3' flanking sequence of a eukaryotic gene which contains proper signals for transcription termination and polyadenylation in fungi. Suitable 3' flanking sequences may, for example, be those of the *GUT2* gene or they may be different. preferably the termination signal is that of the *S. cerevisiae* *PGK1* or *ADH1* genes. Preferably, the DNA construct according to the present invention is provided at both ends with synthetic oligonucleotide linkers which allow insertion and cloning of the construct in a

cloning vector. The promoter of the invention, the DNA coding sequence and the fungal transcription termination signals are operably linked to each other, ie they are juxtaposed in such a manner that their normal functions are maintained. Thus, the array is such that the expression control sequence effects proper expression of the coding sequence and the transcription termination signals effect proper termination of transcription and polyadenylation. The junction of these sequences is preferably effected by means of synthetic oligonucleotide linkers which may carry the recognition sequence of an endonuclease.

According to the present invention there is further provided a vector having one or multiple DNA inserts each comprising a promoter of the invention, a DNA segment consisting of a DNA sequence coding for a desired polypeptide which DNA segment is under transcriptional control of said promoter, and a DNA sequence containing eukaryotic transcription termination signals.

The vectors according to the invention are plasmids or linear DNA vectors and are selected depending on the host organism envisaged for transformation.

The invention relates also especially to plasmids which apart from the expression control sequence, the above DNA segment and the sequence containing transcription termination signals contain additional DNA sequences which are inessential or less important for the function of the promoter, ie for the expression of the desired polypeptide, but which perform important functions, for example in the propagation of the cells transformed with said plasmids. The additional DNA sequences may be derived from prokaryotic and/or eukaryotic cells and may include chromosomal and/or extra-chromosomal DNA sequences. For example, the additional DNA sequences may stem from (or consist of) plasmid DNA, such as bacterial or eukaryotic plasmid DNA, viral DNA and/or chromosomal DNA, such as bacterial, yeast or higher eukaryotic chromosomal DNA. Preferred plasmids contain additional DNA sequences derived from bacterial plasmids, especially *Escherichia coli* plasmid pBR322 or related plasmids, bacteriophage, yeast 2 μ plasmid, and/or yeast chromosomal DNA.

In the preferred plasmids according to the invention, the additional DNA sequences carry a yeast replication origin and a selective genetic marker for yeast. Plasmids containing a yeast replication origin, eg an autonomously replicating segment (ars), are extrachromosomally maintained within the yeast cells after transformation and are autonomously replicated upon mitosis. Plasmids containing sequences homologous to yeast 2 μ plasmid DNA can be used as well. These plasmids may be integrated by recombination into 2 μ plasmids already present within the cell or may replicate autonomously. The integration vectors of EP-A-251 744 or the "disintegration" vectors of EP-A-286 424 may be used.

As to the selective gene marker for yeast, any marker gene can be used which facilitates the selection for transformants due to the phenotypic expression of the marker. Suitable markers for yeast are particularly those expressing antibiotic resistance or, in the case of auxotrophic yeast mutants, genes which complement host lesions. Corresponding genes confer, for example, resistance to the antibiotic cycloheximide or provide for prototrophy in an auxotrophic yeast mutant, for example the *URA1*, *URA3*, *ARG4*, *LEU2*, *HIS4*, *HIS3*, *TRP5* or *TRP1* gene.

Advantageously, the additional DNA sequences which are present in the plasmids according to the invention also include a replication origin and a selective genetic marker for a bacterial host, especially *Escherichia coli*. There are useful features which are associated with the presence of an *E. coli* replication origin and an *E. coli* marker in a yeast hybrid plasmid. Firstly, large amounts of plasmid DNA can be obtained by growth and amplification in *E. coli* and, secondly, the construction of plasmids is conveniently done in *E. coli* making use of the whole repertoire of cloning technology based on *E. coli*. *E. coli* plasmids, such as pBR322 and the like, contain both *E. coli* replication origin and *E. coli* genetic markers conferring resistance to antibiotics, for example tetracycline and ampicillin, and are advantageously employed as part of the yeast vectors.

The vectors according to the invention may contain one or multiple DNA inserts each comprising *inter alia* the expression control sequence and the DNA sequence encoding the desired protein. If the vectors contain multiple DNA inserts, for example 2 to 4 DNA inserts, these can be present in a tandem array or at different locations of the vector. Preferred vectors contain one DNA insert or DNA inserts in a tandem array. The DNA inserts are especially head to tail arranged.

The plasmids according to the invention are prepared by methods known in the art. The process for the preparation of the vectors comprises introducing one or multiple DNA constructs containing a promoter of the invention, a DNA segment consisting of a DNA sequence coding for a desired polypeptide which DNA segment is under transcriptional control of said expression control sequence, and a DNA sequence containing fungal transcription termination signals, as such or introducing the components of said DNA constructs successively in the predetermined order into a vector DNA.

The construction of the plasmids according to the invention is performed applying conventional ligation techniques. The components of the plasmids are linked through common restriction sites and/or by means of synthetic linker molecules and/or by blunt end ligation.

A promoter of the invention may be used in transformed yeast, for example *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* or *Schizosaccharomyces pombe*, or in any other host in which the promoter is found to be effective. Fungal cells include the genera *Pichia*, *Saccharomyces*, *Kluyveromyces*, *Candida*, *Torulopsis*, *Hansenula*, *Schizosaccharomyces*, *Citero-*

myces, *Pachysolen*, *Debaromyces*, *Metschnikowia*, *Rhodospodium*, *Leucosporidium*, *Botryosascus*, *Sporidiobolus*, *Endomycopsis*, and the like. Preferred genera are those selected from the group consisting of *Pickia*, *Saccharomyces*, *Kluyveromyces*, *Yarrowia* and *Hansenula*, because the ability to manipulate the DNA of these yeasts has, at present, been more highly developed than for the other genera mentioned above. Examples of *Saccharomyces* are *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*, *Saccharomyces italicus* and *Saccharomyces rouxii*. Examples of *Kluyveromyces* are *Kluyveromyces fragilis* and *Kluyveromyces lactis*. Examples of *Hansenula* are *Hansenula polymorpha*, *Hansenula anomala* and *Hansenula capsulata*. *Yarrowia lipolytica* is an example of a suitable *Yarrowia* species. Filamentous fungi include *Aspergillus niger*.

Fungal cells can be transformed by: (a) digestion of the cell walls to produce spheroplasts; (b) mixing the spheroplasts with transforming DNA (derived from a variety of sources and containing both native and non-native DNA sequences); and (c) regenerating the transformed cells. The regenerated cells are then screened for the incorporation of the transforming DNA.

It has been demonstrated that fungal cells of the genera *Pichia*, *Saccharomyces*, *Kluyveromyces*, *Yarrowia* and *Hansenula* can be transformed by enzymatic digestion of the cells walls to give spheroplasts; the spheroplasts are then mixed with the transforming DNA and incubated in the presence of calcium ions and polyethylene glycol, then transformed spheroplasts are regenerated in regeneration medium.

Methods for the transformation of *S. cerevisiae* are taught generally in EP 251 744, EP 258 067 and WO 90/01063, all of which are incorporated herein by reference.

Alternatively, the transformation of yeast with the hybrid vectors may be accomplished according to the method described by Hinnen *et al* [*Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 75, 1929 (1978)]. This method can be divided into three steps:

(1) Removal of the yeast cell wall or parts thereof using various preparations of glucosidases, such as snail gut juices (e.g. Glusulase[®] or Helicase[®]) or enzyme mixtures obtained from microorganisms (eg Zymolyase[®]) in osmotically stabilized solutions (eg 1M sorbitol).

(2) Treatment of the "naked" yeast cells (spheroplasts) with the DNA vector in the presence of PEG (polyethylene glycol) and Ca²⁺ ions.

(3) Regeneration of the cell wall and selection of the transformed cells in a solid layer of agar. This regeneration is conveniently done by embedding the spheroplasts into agar. For example, molten agar (about 50°C) is mixed with the spheroplasts. Upon cooling the solution to yeast growth temperatures (about 30°C), a solid layer is obtained. This agar layer is to prevent rapid diffusion and loss of essential macromolecules from the spheroplasts and thereby facilitates regeneration of the cell wall. However, cell wall regeneration may also be obtained (although at lower efficiency) by plating the spheroplasts onto the surface of preformed agar layers.

Preferably, the regeneration agar is prepared in a way to allow regeneration and selection of transformed cells at the same time. Since yeast genes coding for enzymes of amino acid biosynthetic pathways are generally used as selective markers (*-supra*), the regeneration is preferably performed in yeast minimal medium agar. If very high efficiencies of regeneration are required the following two step procedure is advantageous:

- (1) regeneration of the cell wall in a rich complex medium, and
- (2) selection of the transformed cells by replica plating the cell layer onto selective agar plates.

When the DNA vector is a linear DNA vector used for transforming eukaryotic host cells, transformation is preferably done in the presence of a second vector containing a selective marker for yeast. This cotransformation allows enrichment for those host cells which have taken up DNA that cannot be directly selected for. Since competent cells take up any type of DNA a high percentage of cells transformed with a selective vector will also harbour any additional DNA (such as the above linear DNA vector). The transformed host cells can be improved in production of the desired polypeptide by mutation and selection using methods known in the art. The mutation can be effected, for example, by U.V. irradiation or suitable chemical reagents. Strains which are deficient in protease A and B are particularly preferred; such strains are generally available.

The heterologous coding sequence may encode any desired polypeptide, including oligopeptides. The polypeptide may be fibronectin or a portion thereof (for example the collagen or fibrin-binding portions described in EP 207 751), urokinase, pro-urokinase, the 1-368 portion of CD4 (D Smith *et al* (1987) *Science* 328, 1704-1707) platelet derived growth factor (Collins *et al* (1985) *Nature* 316, 748-750), transforming growth factor β (Derynck *et al* (1985) *Nature* 316, 701-705), the 1-272 portion of Von Willebrand's Factor (Bonham *et al*, *Nucl. Acids Res.* 145 7125-7127), the Cathepsin D fragment of fibronectin (585-1578), α_1 -antitrypsin, plasminogen activator inhibitors, factor VIII, α -globin, β -globin, myoglobin, nerve growth factor, LACI (lipoprotein-associated coagulation inhibitor) (Broze, G. J. (1990) *Bio-*

chem. 29, 7539-7546), lactoferrin (Fletcher, J. in "Iron in Immunity, Cancer & Inflammation" 1989, Wiley & Sons, Eds. de Sousa, M. & Brock, J. H.) or platelet-derived endothelial cell growth factor (PDECGF) (Ishikawa, F. (1989) *Nature* 338, 557-562) or a conservative variant of any of these. The polypeptide may also be a fusion of HSA or an N-terminal portion thereof and any other polypeptide, such as those listed above. Preferably, the polypeptide is a naturally-occurring human serum albumin, a modified human serum albumin or a fragment of either, such modified forms and fragments being termed "variants", or is α - or β -globin. These variants include all forms or fragments of HSA which fulfill at least one of the physiological functions of HSA and which are sufficiently similar to HSA, in terms of structure (particularly tertiary structure) as to be regarded by the skilled man as forms or fragments of HSA.

In particular, variants or fragments of HSA which retain at least 50% of its ligand-binding properties (preferably 80%, or 95%), for example with respect to bilirubin or fatty acids, and/or at least 50% (preferably 80% or 90%) of its oncotic action are encompassed. Such properties are discussed in Brown, J R & Shockley, P (1982) in *Lipid-Protein Interactions* 1, 26-68, Ed. Jost, P C & Griffith, O H.

The portion of HSA disclosed in EP 322 094 is an example of a useful fragment of HSA which may be expressed by use of a promoter of the invention.

The polypeptide may initially be expressed as a fusion with a secretion leader sequence. In the case of HSA, this may, for example, be the natural HSA leader, the leader from the *S. cerevisiae* α mating factor, the *Kluyveromyces fragilis* killer toxin leader or a fusion between the natural HSA leader and either of the said yeast leaders. Thus, the leader may be either of SEQ4 and SEQ5 or conservatively modified variations of either sequence, as described in WO 90/01063.

The host cell may be fermented to express the desired polypeptide in known ways. The polypeptide may be purified by known techniques, for example (if the polypeptide is not secreted) separating off the cells, lysing them, collecting the supernatant, concentrating it and chromatographically separating the polypeptide.

The promoter of the invention is de-repressed by the absence of complex carbon sources (whether or not glycerol and ethanol are present), which is advantageous in large scale yeast culture. Thus, the invention provides a process for growing the transformed yeast to a high mass and then inducing expression of the desired polypeptide by allowing the medium to become exhausted of complex carbon sources and adding a simpler carbon source such as glycerol or ethanol.

Preferred aspects of the invention will now be described by way of example and with reference to the accompanying drawings, in which:

Figures 1 to 9 are respective restriction maps of plasmids pXL5, pAYE274, pAYE275, pAYE334, pAYE276, pAYE323, pAYE324, pSAC35 and pAYE321;

Figure 10 is a photograph of a gel showing labelled RNA from a cell culture at differing times;

Figure 11 is a graph showing the time course of expression of the glycerol-3-phosphate dehydrogenase promoter corresponding to Figure 10;

Figure 12 is a restriction map of plasmid pDXL200;

Figure 13 is a restriction map of plasmid pDVX2; and

Figure 14 is a restriction map of plasmid pDVX4.

Introduction

Strains and Culture Conditions

Escherichia coli DH5 α (F⁻, ϕ 80d/*lacZ*deltaM15, delta(*lacZYA-argF*) U169, *recA1*, *endA1*, *hsdR17* (*r_K*⁻, *m_K*⁺), *supE44*, lambda, *thi-1*, *gyrA*, *relA1*) was used for plasmid constructions. *E. coli* XL1-blue (Stratagene, *endA1*, *hsdR17* (*r_K*⁻, *m_K*⁺), *supE44*, *thi-1*, lambda, *recA1*, *gyrA96*, *relA1*, (*lac*⁻), [F', *proAB*, *lad*⁹ *Z*deltaM15, Tn10, (*tet*^r)] was used for the propagation of M13 vectors. *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* DB1 cir⁺ (a, *leu2*) was used as the recombinant albumin expression host. Other *S. cerevisiae* strains used were AH22 cir⁺ (a, *can1*, *leu2*, *his4*); BJ1991 cir⁺ (α , *prb1-1122*, *pep4-3*, *leu2*, *trp1*, *ura3-52*) and S22 cir⁺ (a, *ade1*, *ade2*, *ura1*, *his7*, *tyr1*, *lys7*, *gal1*, *gut2*). Yeast cells were grown at 30°C on YEP (1% (w/v) yeast extract, 2% (w/v) bactopeptone) nutrient agar supplemented with the appropriate carbon source. *S. cerevisiae* transformants were grown in 10ml YEP, 2% (w/v) sucrose in 50ml conical shake flasks at 30°C, 200rpm for 72 hours. HSA antibody plates were prepared by cooling YEP containing 1% (w/v) electrophoresis grade agarose to 50°C. Rabbit anti-human albumin antiserum (Cambio, Cambridge, United Kingdom) was then added to 2.5% (v/v)

along with the appropriate carbon source and the nutrient medium poured into a Petri dish and allowed to cool.

DNA Manipulations

Standard DNA manipulation techniques were used (Maniatis *et al*, 1982: Molecular Cloning, A Laboratory Manual; Cold Spring Harbor; Sambrook *et al* 1989 (2nd edition). DNA fragments were routinely recovered from agarose gels by centrifugation (Vogelstein, B., *Anal. Biochem.* **160** (1987) 115-118). Radiolabelled DNA was prepared using [α - 32 P] dATP (Amersham International PLC) and the random primer labelling procedure (Feinburg, A P and Vogelstein, B., *Anal. Biochem.* **137**, (1984) 266-267). Restriction endonucleases, T4 DNA ligase, T4 DNA Polymerase and *E. coli* DNA polymerase I (Klenow fragment) were obtained from Boehringer-Mannheim.

The glycerol-3-phosphate dehydrogenase yeast promoter fragment was obtained from a genomic library of fragments obtained by *Bgl*II restriction of yeast DNA. The *Bgl*II restriction fragments are inserted into a unique *Bgl*II site of a plasmid containing the Herpes Simplex thymidine kinase (TK) gene. Only when promoter fragments are cloned in front of the thymidine kinase gene will yeast transformed with this plasmid grow in the presence of folate antagonists such as sulphanilamide and amethopterin, as described by Goodey *et al.* *Molecular and General Genetics* **204**, 505-511 (1986) which is incorporated herein by reference.

A plasmid having an active promoter was selected by measurement of thymidine kinase activity in the cell extract.

The promoter fragment was contained within a *Bgl*II restriction fragment of plasmid pXL5 (Figure 1). A 1.48kbp fragment of the glycerol-3-phosphate dehydrogenase promoter was sequenced (SEQ2). The promoter fragment was modified by the introduction of an *Sfi*I restriction endonuclease site on the 3' end of the yeast promoter:

| | | |
|-----------------|--|-------------|
| NATURAL | GTACACCCCCCCCCTCCACAAACACAAATATTGATAATATAAAGATG | |
| ATG ENVIRONMENT | | Met |
| | | └───┘ |
| | | TRANSLATION |
| | ** ** | |
| MODIFIED | GTACGGCCCCCCCCGGCCACAAACACAAATATTGATAATATAAAGATG | |
| ATG ENVIRONMENT | └──────────┘ | Met |
| | <i>Sfi</i> I | └───┘ |
| | | TRANSLATION |

These two sequences are SEQ6 and SEQ7 respectively.

EXAMPLE I: Expression of recombinant Human Serum Albumin (rHA)

A 282bp *Pst*I-*Rsa*I fragment of the promoter of the invention (ie from the CTGCAG at position 1031-1036 to the GTAC at 1314-1317 of SEQ1) and a 56bp double stranded oligonucleotide linker

| | | | | |
|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 5' -ACGGCCCCCCCCGGCCACAAACACAAATATTGATAATATAAAG | ATG | AAG | TGG | GTA |
| 3' -TGCCGGGGGGGGCCGGTGTGTTGTGTTATAACTATTATATTTC | TAC | TTC | ACC | CAT |
| -5' | | | | |
| TCGA-3' | | | | |

(the 5'-3' strand of which constitutes SEQ12) were inserted between the *Pst*I and *Hind*III site of M13mp18 (Yanisch-Perron *et al*, 1985, *Gene* **33**, 103-109) generating plasmid pAYE274 (Figure 2), so introducing a unique *Sfi*I 5' to the translation initiation site. Plasmid pAYE274 was linearised with *Eco*RI and *Pst*I and recircularised with the 2.3kb *Eco*RI-*Pst*I fragment from pXL5 (Figure 1) generating pAYE275 (Figure 3). This was digested with *Eco*RI-*Hind*III and the 2.3kb promoter fragment purified.

The construction of plasmid pAYE334, which is used in the next stages of the work, has been described in our co-pending UK patent application No 8927480.7 but is repeated here.

Plasmid pAAH5 (Goodey *et al.* 1987: In *Yeast Biotechnology*, 401-429, Edited by Berry, D.R., Russell, I. and Stewart, G.G. Published by Allen and Unwin) was linearised by partially digesting with *Bam*HI. The 5' protruding ends were blunt-ended with T4 DNA polymerase and ligated with the double-stranded oligonucleotide linker:

5' -GCGGCCGC-3'
3' -CGCCGGCG-5'

NotI

A recombinant plasmid pAYE334 (Figure 4) was selected in which a *NotI* restriction site had replaced the *BamHI* site at the 3' end of the *ADH1* terminator.

The modified promoter fragment from pAYE275 (Fig 3) and a 450bp *HindIII*-*NotI* *ADH1* terminator fragment from pAYE334 were ligated into pAT153 (Twigg and Sherratt, 1980) which itself had been modified by the introduction of *NotI* recognition site (5'-GCGGCCGC-3') into and so destroying the *BamHI* site, generating pAYE276 (Figure 5).

Plasmid pAYE276 was linearised with *EcoRI*-*SstII*, the 3' recessed ends filled in the T4 DNA Polymerase and dNTP and recircularised with excess *NotI* linker (5'-GCGGCCGC-3') generating plasmid pAYE323 (Figure 6). This plasmid was linearised with *HindIII* and recircularised with a double stranded oligonucleotide linker:

5' -AGCTTTATTTCCCTTCTTTTCTCTTTAGCTCGGCTTATTCCAGGAGCTTGGATAA
3' -AATAAAGGGAAGAAAAAGAGAAATCGAGCCGAATAAGGTCTCGAACCTATT

HindIII

AAGA-3'

TTCT-5'

(the 5'-3' strand of which constitutes SEQ13) and a 1.9kbp HA cDNA fragment liberated from *XhoI* linearised mp19.7 (EP-A-201 239), blunt ended with S1 nuclease and then digested with *HindIII*, to create plasmid pAYE324 (Figure 7).

The 3.72kbp *NotI* restriction fragment created in plasmid pAYE324 (Figure 7) may then be transferred into a suitable yeast replicating vector that contains a unique *NotI* restriction site (for example pSAC35, Figure 8), to create a plasmid such as pAYE321 (Figure 9).

Plasmid pSAC35 is a derivative of pSAC3 described by Chinery and Hinchliffe (1989) *Curr. Genet.* **16**, 21-25, and in EP 286424. The *LEU2* selectable marker is a 1.95 kbp *SalI* - *HpaI* fragment from YEP13, (Broach J R, *et al* (1979) *Cell* **16**, 827-839) inserted into the *SnaBI* site of pSAC3. The *LEU2* gene possesses a unique *Tth111I* site. Following digestion with this enzyme the 5' protruding ends were removed by treatment with the Klenow fragment of *E. coli* DNA Polymerase I. The insertion of a *NotI* recognition site to generate pSAC35 was achieved by ligating the blunt end linearised DNA with a double stranded oligonucleotide of the sequence,

5' -GCGGCCGC-3'
3' -CGCCGGCG-5'

Those skilled in the art will recognise a large number of techniques for modifying DNA segments which code for a wide variety of proteins for insertion into an *SfiI* restriction site.

This Example describes an HSA secretion vector (pAYE321) incorporating a promoter of the invention. This vector has been used to transform five different yeast strains: all five strains secreted HSA into the culture supernatant. The timing of HSA expression under the control of the promoter has also been studied. HSA mRNA is first detected when the cells have reached late logarithmic growth. High levels of HSA mRNA are maintained even when the culture has entered stationary phase.

Plasmid pAYE324 (Figure 7) is a pAT153-based vector which possesses the entire promoter/HSA secretion cassette flanked by *NotI* restriction sites. The 3.715kbp secretion cassette contains the following features:

i) A 1.35kbp promoter fragment which includes the native promoter ATG environment except that four nucleotide substitutions have been incorporated at a site between 30 and 40bp upstream of the ATG as described above (SEQ7). These substitutions introduce a unique *SfiI* restriction site in the 3' region of the promoter.

ii) The natural HSA/ α -factor fusion leader sequence (WO 90/01063) directing the secretion of mature HSA.

iii) The yeast alcohol dehydrogenase *ADH1* terminator region.

The 3.715 kbp *NotI* promoter/HSA secretion cassette was purified and inserted into the unique *NotI* cloning site of pSAC35 (Figure 8) to generate plasmid pAYE321 (Figure 9).

Five [*cir*⁺] strains were transformed to leucine prototrophy with plasmid pAYE321, namely Strain 1 [*cir*⁺], Strain 2 [*cir*⁺], Strain 3 [*cir*⁺], Strain 4 [*cir*⁺] and Strain 5 [*cir*⁺]. Transformation was performed essentially as described by Beggs (Nature, **275** (1978) 104-109) except for the following modifications. Transforming DNA in 10 µl deionised H₂O was gently mixed with 50 µl of spheroplasts in 1.2M sorbitol, 10mM CaCl₂ and 12.5 µl 20% (w/v) PEG 3350 (Sigma), 10mM CaCl₂, 10mM Tris/HCl (pH7.5) and held on ice for 15 minutes. After adding a further 500 µl of 20% (w/v) PEG 3350, 10mM CaCl₂, 10mM Tris/HCl (pH7.5) the spheroplasts were gently mixed with 5ml of 1.2M sorbitol selective agar medium and plated out. Two independent transformants from each strain were grown for 72 hours, 200 rpm shaking, at 30°C in 10ml of YEP (1% w/v yeast extract, 2% w/v bacto-peptone and 2% w/v glucose).

HSA was detected in the culture supernatants of all the transformants, showing that the promoter can direct the expression/secretion of heterologous proteins in yeast.

EXAMPLE 2: Timing of Expression

A one-litre shake flask containing 400ml of YEP, 2% (w/v) glucose was inoculated with Strain 1 pAYE321 and incubated at 30°C, 200 rpm. Samples (20ml) were removed at 24 hours, 48 hours, 72 hours, 96 hours and 120 hours post inoculation. At each time point, the optical density of the culture and secreted HSA were determined. The sample was then separated by centrifugation into a cell pellet and culture supernatant. The level of HSA secreted into the supernatant was measured by rocket gel electrophoresis and RNA extracted from the cell pellet. The RNA from each time point was separated into its individual components by gel electrophoresis, Northern blotted and probed with radio-labelled DNA homologous to the PGK and HSA structural genes. RNA was extracted from yeast cells as described by Linquist (Nature **293** (1981) 311-314). 10 µg of total yeast RNA was resolved on a 1.0% agarose-formaldehyde gel and vacuum blotted from 20 x SSPE onto a Pall bio-dyne nylon membrane, and UV cross-linked according to Kroczeck and Siebet (Anal. Biochem. **184** (1990) 90-95). Hybridisation was performed at 6 x SSPE, 5 x Denhardt's, 0.1% (w/v) SDS, 100 µg/ml denatured herring sperm DNA, at 50°C for 18 hours. Washing stringency was 0.2 x SSPE, 0.1% (w/v) SDS, 50°C.

The results are illustrated in Figure 10. Figure 11 shows the optical density and level of rHA during the experiment. At the first timepoint 24 hrs post inoculation, PGK mRNA is observed; however, neither secreted HSA nor HSA mRNA are detected. At the second time point, 48 hrs post inoculation, both PGK and HSA mRNA are detected within the cell. The HSA mRNA is available for translation because secreted HSA is observed in the culture supernatant. At the next three time points, 72 hrs, 96 hrs and 120 hrs post inoculation, only HSA mRNA is observed and the PGK mRNA has disappeared. The level of HSA observed in the culture supernatant has increased from the previous time point, but no further increase is observed. The following conclusions can be drawn.

i) The HSA gene is not expressed during the early growth phase and does not mirror PGK expression.

ii) The HSA gene is expressed and HSA is secreted during the late logarithmic and stationary growth phase.

iii) HSA mRNA levels are maintained during stationary phase.

Furthermore, the timing of expression can be manipulated in the controlled environment of a fermentation vessel, be it batch, fed-batch or continuous culture. When repressing carbon sources such as sucrose or glucose are supplied as the sole carbon source, the expression of the heterologous protein is repressed. Consequently the growth of the host organism is not impaired by the synthesis of the heterologous protein. At a point predetermined by the operator the sucrose or glucose is replaced by a non-repressing carbon source such as glycerol or ethanol. Under these conditions the expression of the heterologous protein is de-repressed. Consequently production can be regulated in such a way as to optimise the synthesis of the desired product.

EXAMPLE 3: Expression with various carbon sources

Strain 1 pAYE321 was grown for 72 hrs in 10 ml YEP, 200 rpm, 30°C supplemented with various carbon sources. In the control experiment sucrose is supplied instead of glucose but the final HSA secretion levels are identical. In all the other experiments a stimulation of HSA secretion is observed. The results are given in Table 1 below. The best carbon source would appear to be a combination of 1% (v/v) ethanol and 1% (v/v) glycerol. Although the stimulating effect at first sight does not appear very great it must be remembered that the value achieved on sucrose as a carbon

source is really the value achieved on a mixture of sucrose and ethanol. If the culture is maintained in sucrose excess, the level of secreted HSA will be greatly reduced.

TABLE 1

| Carbon Source | | | HSA secreted into culture supernatant (arbitrary units) |
|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|---|
| % sucrose (w/v) | % glycerol (v/v) | % ethanol (v/v) | |
| 2 | - | - | 7.5 |
| - | 2 | - | 9.0 |
| - | - | 2 | 9.5 |
| - | 1.5 | 0.5 | 10.5 |
| - | 1.0 | 1.0 | 12.5 |
| - | 0.5 | 1.5 | 11.0 |

EXAMPLE 4

This example describes plasmid pDVX4 designed for expressing and secreting the *S. cerevisiae* var *diastaticus* glucoamylase.

Construction of Plasmid pDVX4

The initial step involved the construction of a generalised brewing yeast vector pDXL200 (Fig 12) which contained the following DNA sequences:

a) 0.34kbp *Sma*I - *Sfi*I fragment of the modified promoter (pAYE275).

b) A synthetic oligonucleotide linker containing restriction enzyme sites for *Sfi*I, *Bgl*II and *Hind*III:

Synthetic Oligonucleotide Linker



Oligos 5' C G G C C A G A T C T A 3' (12)

Synthesized: 3' G G G G C C G G T C T A G A T T C G A 5' (13)

The 5'-3' modified region and the two oligonucleotides are listed as SEQ14, SEQ8 and SEQ9 respectively.

c) 0.45kbp of the *ADH1* terminator (Hitzeman, R A et al. (1981). Nature. 293, 717.)

d) The *CUP-1* gene and its flanking sequences from *S. cerevisiae* were present on 0.7kbp *Kpn*I - *Xba*I fragment and 0.38kbp *Bam*HI - *Kpn*I fragment respectively (Karin, M et al, (1984). Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. 81, 337.). The *CUP-1* gene was used as a selective genetic marker for brewing yeast transformation.

e) 2.7kbp of bacterial DNA (pUC9) as present in pSAC3 (Chinery and Hinchliffe (1989) Curr. Genet. 16, 21-25).

f) 2 μ m DNA: 2.2kbp *Hind*III fragment containing the 2 μ m origin of replication (Broach, J R (1982). The yeast plasmid 2 μ m circle. In "The Molecular Biology of the yeast *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*: Life Cycle and Inheritance".

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Eds. Strathern, J N, E W Jones and J R Broach). Cold Spring Harbor, p445.) The full DNA sequence of 2 μ m DNA is also known (Hartley, J L and Donelson, J E (1980). Nature. **226**, 860).

The *DEX1* gene which codes for glucoamylase was isolated from *S. cerevisiae* var *diastaticus* (Meaden P K *et al*, (1985) *Gene*. **34**, 325 and PCT/GB85/00599; Pardo *et al* (1988 FEBS. Lett. **239**, 179-184 describe the *DEX1* promoter and part of the open reading frame). A 2.75kbp *Bgl*II fragment carrying the *DEX1* gene was cloned into the unique *Bgl*II site in pDXL200 and the DNA sequence is represented as SEQ10, with the protein encoded thereby appearing as SEQ11. The resulting plasmid, pDVX2 (Fig. 13), was digested with *Xba*I to remove the smaller fragment (2.7kbp) containing the bacterial DNA. After gel purification, the larger *Xba*I fragment was transformed into brewing yeast and this plasmid designated pDVX4 (Fig. 14).

Expression of *DEX1*

Brewing yeast strains transformed to copper resistance with plasmid pDVX4 were assayed for glucoamylase production by measuring glucose released from starch using the hexokinase-UV assay (Boehringer-Mannheim). In all cases copper resistant transformants produced significant quantities of extracellular glucoamylase.

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- (A) LENGTH: 1357 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: double
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: DNA (genomic)

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: N

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: N

(vi) ORIGINAL SOURCE:

(A) ORGANISM: *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*

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(D) OTHER INFORMATION: /function= "RNA POLIII Terminator"

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(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

45 (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: DNA (genomic)

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(B) LOCATION: 123..124
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- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: double
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: DNA (genomic)

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: N

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: N

(ix) FEATURE:

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| ACCTAATTCG CACGTAGACT GGCTTGGTAT TGGCAGTTTC GTAGTTATAT ATATACTACC | 240 |
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(A) LENGTH: 24 amino acids
(B) TYPE: amino acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: N

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: N

(v) FRAGMENT TYPE: N-terminal

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(B) LOCATION: 1..24
(D) OTHER INFORMATION: /label= leader
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- (A) LENGTH: 21 amino acids
- (B) TYPE: amino acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: N

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: N

(v) FRAGMENT TYPE: N-terminal

(ix) FEATURE:

- (A) NAME/KEY: Peptide
- (B) LOCATION: 1..21
- (D) OTHER INFORMATION: /label= leader
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- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: DNA (genomic)

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: N

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: N

(vi) ORIGINAL SOURCE:

- (A) ORGANISM: Saccharomyces cerevisiae

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(A) NAME/KEY: exon

(B) LOCATION: 1..47

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(C) STRANDEDNESS: single

(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

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(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: N

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: N

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- (A) LENGTH: 12 base pairs
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- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA

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(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: Y

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: N

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- (A) NAME/KEY: misc_feature
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- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA

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- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: double
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

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(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: DNA (genomic)

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: N

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(vi) ORIGINAL SOURCE:

10 (A) ORGANISM: *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*
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| | Thr Ser Gly Cys Ser Pro Lys Thr Val Thr Thr Thr Val Leu Cys Ser | |
| | 225 230 235 | |

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| | ACT | GGT | ACT | GGC | GAA | TAC | ACT | ACT | GAA | GCT | ACC | GCC | CCT | GTT | ACA | ACA | 887 |
| | Thr | Gly | Thr | Gly | Glu | Tyr | Thr | Thr | Glu | Ala | Thr | Ala | Pro | Val | Thr | Thr | |
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| | Pro | Ala | Leu | Arg | Ser | Ile | Ala | Ile | Leu | Lys | Ile | Ile | Asp | Tyr | Ile | Lys | |
| | | | 465 | | | | 470 | | | | | | 475 | | | | |

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| | Asp | Ile | Phe | Asp | Asp | Ile | Val | Arg | Trp | Tyr | Leu | Arg | Phe | Ile | Ile | Asp | |
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| | His | Trp | Asn | Ser | Ser | Gly | Phe | Asp | Leu | Trp | Glu | Glu | Val | Asn | Gly | Met | |
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| 15 | CAT | TTC | TTT | ACT | TTA | CTG | GTA | CAA | CTG | TCT | GCA | GTG | GAC | AGG | ACG | CTG | 1751 |
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30 (2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:11:

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35 (A) LENGTH: 806 amino acids
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 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

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| 25 | Gly | Cys | Ser | Pro | Lys | Thr | Val | Thr | Thr | Thr | Val | Leu | Cys | Ser | Thr | Gly | |
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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:12:

20 (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 54 base pairs
(B) TYPE: nucleic acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: DNA (genomic)

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: N

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: N

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- (A) NAME/KEY: -
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(D) OTHER INFORMATION: /label= linker
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- (A) LENGTH: 60 base pairs
(B) TYPE: nucleic acid
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(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

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- (A) NAME/KEY: -
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(D) OTHER INFORMATION: /label= Linker
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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:14:

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(A) LENGTH: 29 base pairs
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15 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: DNA (genomic)

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(iv) ANTI-SENSE: N

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(B) LOCATION: 1..19
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30 (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:14:

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35 Claims

Claims for the following Contracting States : DE, FR, IT, NL, SE, CH, BE, AT, LU, GR, DK

40 1. A promoter consisting of the wild-type *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* glycerol-3-phosphate dehydrogenase promoter having the nucleotide sequence defined herein as SEQ1 in isolation from the coding sequence which would normally neighbour the said promoter in wild-type *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*, or a variant or a functional portion of said promoter, wherein said variant or functional portion

45 (i) has at least 80% sequence homology with a region of SEQ1 which region is more homologous than any other region of SEQ1 to the variant or functional portion,
(ii) is at least 100 nucleotides long, and
50 (iii) either retains at least 80% of the ability of said wild-type promoter to promote transcription of a nucleotide sequence encoding a naturally occurring human serum albumin positioned downstream thereof or (a) retains at least 10% of the ability of said wild-type promoter to promote transcription of a nucleotide sequence encoding a naturally occurring human serum albumin positioned downstream thereof and (b) is repressed by complex carbon sources and derepressed by the absence of such sources.

55 2. A promoter according to Claim 1 being at least 200 nucleotides long.

3. A cloning vector or a yeast expression vector comprising a promoter according to any one of the preceding claims adjacent a restriction site such that a heterologous coding sequence may be located downstream of the promoter

and in the correct reading frame in relation to a translational start codon.

4. A yeast expression vector according to Claim 3 comprising a heterologous coding sequence inserted as said.
5. A yeast expression vector according to Claim 4 wherein the heterologous coding sequence encodes human serum albumin or a variant or part thereof, optionally with a secretion leader sequence.
6. A yeast expression vector according to Claim 4 wherein the heterologous coding sequence encodes the glucoamylase of *S. cerevisiae* var *diastaticus*.
7. A yeast transformed with an expression vector according to Claim 4, 5 or 6.
8. A process for preparing a polypeptide, comprising fermenting a yeast according to Claim 7 and at least partially purifying the polypeptide expressed by the said heterologous coding sequence.
9. A process according to Claim 8 wherein the yeast is initially grown on a carbon source or sources which repress expression of the polypeptide and subsequently the carbon source is changed to a non-repressing compound or mixture of such compounds.

Claims for the following Contracting State : ES

1. A process for preparing a promoter by conventional polynucleotide manipulation techniques, characterized in that the promoter consists of the wild-type *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* glycerol-3-phosphate dehydrogenase promoter having the nucleotide sequence defined herein as SEQ1 in isolation from the coding sequence which would normally neighbour the said promoter in wild-type *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*, or a variant or a functional portion of said promoter, wherein said variant or functional portion
 - (i) has at least 80% sequence homology with a region of SEQ1 which region is more homologous than any other region of SEQ1 to the variant or functional portion,
 - (ii) is at least 100 nucleotides long, and
 - (iii) either retains at least 80% of the ability of said wild-type promoter to promote transcription of a nucleotide sequence encoding a naturally occurring human serum albumin positioned downstream thereof or (a) retains at least 10% of the ability of said wild-type promoter to promote transcription of a nucleotide sequence encoding a naturally occurring human serum albumin positioned downstream thereof and (b) is repressed by complex carbon sources and derepressed by the absence of such sources.
2. A process according to Claim 1 wherein the promoter is at least 200 nucleotides long.
3. A process for preparing a cloning vector or a yeast expression vector comprising a promoter prepared according to any one of the preceding claims wherein the promoter is placed adjacent a restriction site such that a heterologous coding sequence may be located downstream of the promoter and in the correct reading frame in relation to a translational start codon.
4. A process according to Claim 3 additionally comprising inserting a heterologous coding sequence inserted as said.
5. A process according to Claim 4 wherein the heterologous coding sequence encodes human serum albumin or a variant or part thereof, optionally with a secretion leader sequence.
6. A process according to Claim 4 wherein the heterologous coding sequence encodes the glucoamylase of *S. cerevisiae* var *diastaticus*.
7. A process of transforming a yeast characterised in that the yeast is transformed with an expression vector according to Claim 4, 5 or 6.
8. A process for preparing a polypeptide, comprising fermenting a yeast prepared according to Claim 7 and at least partially purifying the polypeptide expressed by the said heterologous coding sequence.

9. A process according to Claim 8 wherein the yeast is initially grown on a carbon source or sources which repress expression of the polypeptide and subsequently the carbon source is changed to a non-repressing compound or mixture of such compounds.

Patentansprüche

Patentansprüche für folgende Vertragsstaaten : DE, FR, IT, NL, SE, CH, BE, AT, LU, GR, DK

1. Promotor, bestehend aus dem Wildtyp *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* Glycerin-3-phosphat-Dehydrogenase-Promotor mit der hierin als SEQ1 definierten Nucleotidsequenz isoliert von der Codiersequenz, die normalerweise dem Promotor im Wildtyp *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* benachbart wäre, oder einer Variante oder einem funktionellen Teil dieses Promotors, wobei die Variante oder der funktionelle Teil

(i) eine mindestens 80%ige Sequenzhomologie mit einem SEQ1-Bereich, der zu der Variante oder dem funktionellen Teil stärker homolog ist als irgendein anderer SEQ1-Bereich, aufweist;

(ii) mindestens 100 Nucleotide lang ist und

(iii) entweder mindestens 80% der Fähigkeit des Wildtyp-Promotors zur Promotion der Transkription einer Nucleotidsequenz mit Codierung für ein natürlich vorkommendes Humanserumalbumin in einer Position stromabwärts desselben behält oder (a) mindestens 10% der Fähigkeit des Wildtyp-Promotors zur Promotion der Transkription einer Nucleotidsequenz mit Codierung für ein natürlich vorkommendes Humanserumalbumin in einer Position stromabwärts desselben behält und (b) durch komplexe Kohlenstofflieferanten einer Repression unterliegt und bei Abwesenheit solcher Lieferanten von der Repression befreit ist.

2. Promotor nach Anspruch 1, der mindestens 200 Nucleotide lang ist.

3. Klonierungsvektor oder Hefeexpressionsvektor, umfassend einen Promotor nach einem der vorhergehenden Ansprüche in Nachbarschaft zu einer Restriktionsstelle dergestalt, daß stromabwärts vom Promotor und im korrekten Leserahmen in bezug auf ein Translationsstartcodon eine heterologe Codiersequenz angeordnet sein kann.

4. Hefeexpressionsvektor nach Anspruch 3, umfassend eine - wie dargelegt - insertierte bzw. eingefügte heterologe Codiersequenz.

5. Hefeexpressionsvektor nach Anspruch 4, wobei die heterologe Codiersequenz für Humanserumalbumin oder eine Variante oder einen Teil desselben, gegebenenfalls mit einer Sekretionsleadersequenz, kodiert.

6. Hefeexpressionsvektor nach Anspruch 4, wobei die heterologe Codiersequenz für die Glucoamylase von *S. cerevisiae* var. *diastaticus* codiert.

7. Hefe, welche mit einem Expressionsvektor nach Anspruch 4, 5 oder 6 transformiert ist.

8. Verfahren zur Herstellung eines Polypeptids durch Fermentieren einer Hefe nach Anspruch 7 und zumindest Teilreinigen des durch die heterologe Codiersequenz exprimierten Polypeptids.

9. Verfahren nach Anspruch 8, wobei die Hefe zunächst auf (einem) die Expression des Polypeptids unterdrückenden Kohlenstofflieferanten wachengelassen wird und danach der Kohlenstofflieferant gegen eine nicht-unterdrückende Verbindung oder ein Gemisch solcher Verbindungen ausgetauscht wird.

Patentansprüche für folgenden Vertragsstaat : ES

1. Verfahren zur Herstellung eines Promotors durch übliche Polynucleotidmanipulationsmaßnahmen, dadurch gekennzeichnet, daß der Promotor aus dem Wildtyp *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* Glycerin-3-phosphat-Dehydrogenase-Promotor mit der hierin als SEQ1 definierten Nucleotidsequenz isoliert von der Codiersequenz, die normalerweise dem Promotor im Wildtyp *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* benachbart wäre, oder einer Variante oder einem funktionellen Teil dieses Promotors, wobei die Variante oder der funktionelle Teil

- (i) une au moins 80%ige Sequenzhomologie mit einem SEQ1-Bereich, der zu der Variante oder dem funktionellen Teil stärker homolog ist als irgendein anderer SEQ1-Bereich, aufweist;
- (ii) au moins 100 Nucleotide lang ist und
- (iii) entweder au moins 80% der Fähigkeit des Wildtyp-Promotors zur Promotion der Transkription einer Nucleotidsequenz mit Codierung für ein natürlich vorkommendes Humanserumalbumin in einer Position stromabwärts desselben behält oder (a) au moins 10% der Fähigkeit des Wildtyp-Promotors zur Promotion der Transkription einer Nucleotidsequenz mit Codierung für ein natürlich vorkommendes Humanserumalbumin in einer Position stromabwärts desselben behält und (b) durch komplexe Kohlenstofflieferanten einer Repression unterliegt und bei Abwesenheit solcher Lieferanten von der Repression befreit ist,

besteht.

2. Verfahren nach Anspruch 1, wobei der Promotor au moins 200 Nucleotide lang ist.

3. Verfahren zur Herstellung eines Klonierungsvektors oder eines Hefeexpressionsvektors, umfassend einen nach einem der vorhergehenden Ansprüche hergestellten Promotor, wobei der Promotor in Nachbarschaft zu einer Restriktionsstelle plaziert ist, dergestalt, daß stromabwärts vom Promotor und im korrekten Leserahmen in bezug auf ein Translationsstartcodon eine heterologe Codiersequenz angeordnet sein kann.

4. Verfahren nach Anspruch 3, bei welchem zusätzlich - wie dargelegt - eine heterologe Codiersequenz insertiert bzw. eingefügt wird.

5. Verfahren nach Anspruch 4, wobei die heterologe Codiersequenz für Humanserumalbumin oder eine Variante oder einen Teil desselben, gegebenenfalls mit einer Sekretionsleadersequenz, kodiert.

6. Verfahren nach Anspruch 4, wobei die heterologe Codiersequenz für die Glucoamylase von *S. cerevisiae* var. diastaticus codiert.

7. Verfahren zur Transformation einer Hefe, dadurch gekennzeichnet, daß die Hefe mit einem Expressionsvektor nach Anspruch 4, 5 oder 6 transformiert wird.

8. Verfahren zur Herstellung eines Polypeptids durch Fermentieren einer nach Anspruch 7 hergestellten Hefe und zumindestens Teilreinigen des durch die heterologe Codiersequenz exprimierten Polypeptids.

9. Verfahren nach Anspruch 8, wobei die Hefe zunächst auf (einem) die Expression des Polypeptids unterdrückenden Kohlenstofflieferanten wachengelassen wird und danach der Kohlenstoff lieferant gegen eine nicht-unterdrückende Verbindung oder ein Gemisch solcher Verbindungen ausgetauscht wird.

Revendications

Revendications pour les Etats contractants : DE, FR, IT, NL, SE, CH, BE, AT, LU, GR, DK

1. Promoteur consistant en le promoteur de la glycérol-3-phosphate déshydrogénase de *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* de type sauvage ayant la séquence de nucléotides définie ici en tant que SEQ1 isolée de la séquence codante qui est normalement voisine dudit promoteur dans *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* de type sauvage, ou une variante ou une partie fonctionnelle dudit promoteur, ladite variante ou partie fonctionnelle :

- (i) ayant au moins 80 % d'homologie de séquence avec une région de SEQ1, laquelle région est plus homologue à la variante ou à la partie fonctionnelle qu'une quelconque autre région de SEQ1,
- (ii) étant longue d'au moins 100 nucléotides, et
- (iii) retenant au moins 80 % de la capacité dudit promoteur de type sauvage à favoriser la transcription d'une séquence de nucléotides codant pour une séralbumine humaine naturelle positionnée en aval de celui-ci ou (a) retenant au moins 10 % de la capacité dudit promoteur de type sauvage à favoriser la transcription d'une séquence de nucléotides codant pour une séralbumine humaine naturelle positionnée en aval de celui-ci et (b) étant réprimée par des sources de carbone complexes et déréprimée par l'absence de telles sources.

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2. Promoteur selon la revendication 1, long d'au moins 200 nucléotides.
3. Vecteur de clonage ou vecteur d'expression pour levure, comprenant un promoteur selon l'une quelconque des revendications précédentes, adjacent à un site de restriction de sorte qu'une séquence codante hétérologue puisse être située en aval du promoteur et dans le cadre de lecture correct par rapport à un codon d'initiation de traduction.
4. Vecteur d'expression pour levure selon la revendication 3, comprenant une séquence codante hétérologue insérée comme décrit.
5. Vecteur d'expression pour levure selon la revendication 4, dans lequel la séquence codante hétérologue code pour la sérumalbumine humaine ou une variante ou partie de celle-ci, éventuellement avec une séquence leader de sécrétion.
6. Vecteur d'expression pour levure selon la revendication 4, dans lequel la séquence codante hétérologue code pour la glucoamylase de *S. cerevisiae* var *diastaticus*.
7. Levure transformée avec un vecteur d'expression selon la revendication 4, 5 ou 6.
8. Procédé pour préparer un polypeptide, comprenant la fermentation d'une levure selon la revendication 7 et la purification au moins partielle du polypeptide exprimé par ladite séquence codante hétérologue.
9. Procédé selon la revendication 8, dans lequel la levure est initialement développée sur une ou des source(s) de carbone qui réprime(nt) l'expression du polypeptide, après quoi la source de carbone est changée par un composé non répresseur ou un mélange de tels composés.

Revendications pour l'Etat contractant : ES

1. Procédé de préparation d'un promoteur par des techniques de manipulation de polynucléotides conventionnelles, caractérisé en ce que le promoteur est constitué du promoteur glycérol-3-phosphate déshydrogénase de *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* de type sauvage ayant la séquence de nucléotides définie ici en tant que SEQ1 isolée de la séquence codante qui est normalement voisine dudit promoteur dans *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* de type sauvage, ou une variante ou une partie fonctionnelle dudit promoteur, ladite variante ou partie fonctionnelle :
 - (i) ayant au moins 80 % d'homologie de séquence avec une région de SEQ1, laquelle région est plus homologue à la variante ou à la partie fonctionnelle qu'une quelconque autre région de SEQ1,
 - (ii) étant longue d'au moins 100 nucléotides, et
 - (iii) retenant au moins 80 % de la capacité dudit promoteur de type sauvage à favoriser la transcription d'une séquence de nucléotides codant pour une sérumalbumine humaine naturelle positionnée en aval de celui-ci ou (a) retenant au moins 10 % de la capacité dudit promoteur de type sauvage à favoriser la transcription d'une séquence de nucléotides codant pour une sérumalbumine humaine naturelle positionnée en aval de celui-ci et (b) étant réprimée par des sources de carbone complexes et déréprimée par l'absence de telles sources.
2. Procédé selon la revendication 1, dans lequel le promoteur est long d'au moins 200 nucléotides.
3. Procédé pour préparer un vecteur de clonage ou un vecteur d'expression pour levure, comprenant un promoteur préparé selon l'une quelconque des revendications précédentes, dans lequel le promoteur est placé adjacent à un site de restriction de sorte qu'une séquence codante hétérologue puisse être située en aval du promoteur et dans le cadre de lecture correct par rapport à un codon d'initiation de traduction.
4. Procédé selon la revendication 3, comprenant en plus l'insertion d'une séquence codante hétérologue insérée comme décrit.
5. Procédé selon la revendication 4, dans lequel la séquence codante hétérologue code pour la sérumalbumine humaine ou une variante ou partie de celle-ci, éventuellement avec une séquence leader de sécrétion.
6. Procédé selon la revendication 4, dans lequel la séquence codante hétérologue code pour la glucoamylase de *S.*

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cerevisiae var *diastaticus*.

7. Procédé pour transformer une levure, caractérisé en ce que la levure est transformée avec un vecteur d'expression selon la revendication 4, 5 ou 6.

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8. Procédé pour préparer un polypeptide, comprenant la fermentation d'une levure selon la revendication 7 et la purification au moins partielle du polypeptide exprimé par ladite séquence codante hétérologue.

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9. Procédé selon la revendication 8, dans lequel la levure est initialement développée sur une ou des source(s) de carbone qui réprime(nt) l'expression du polypeptide, après quoi la source de carbone est changée par un composé non répresseur ou un mélange de tels composés.

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Figure 1

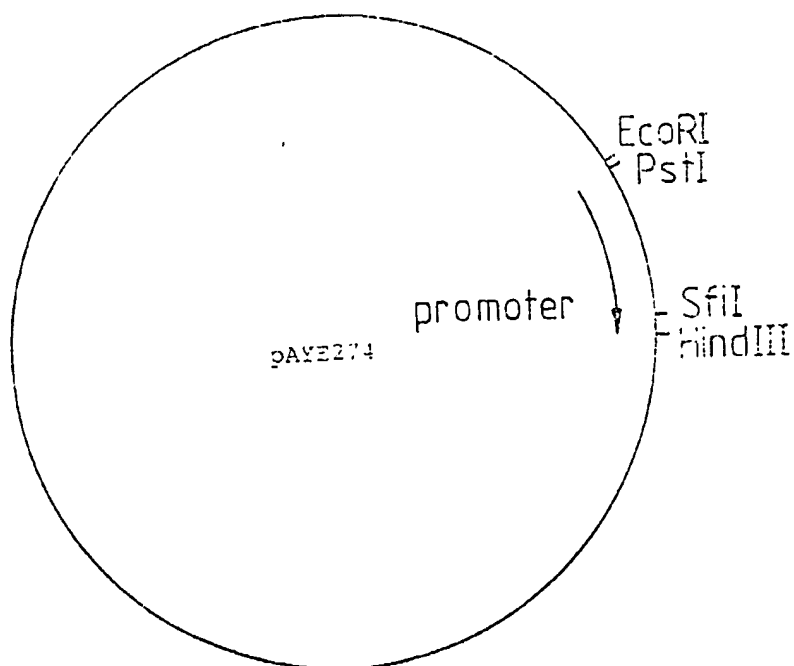
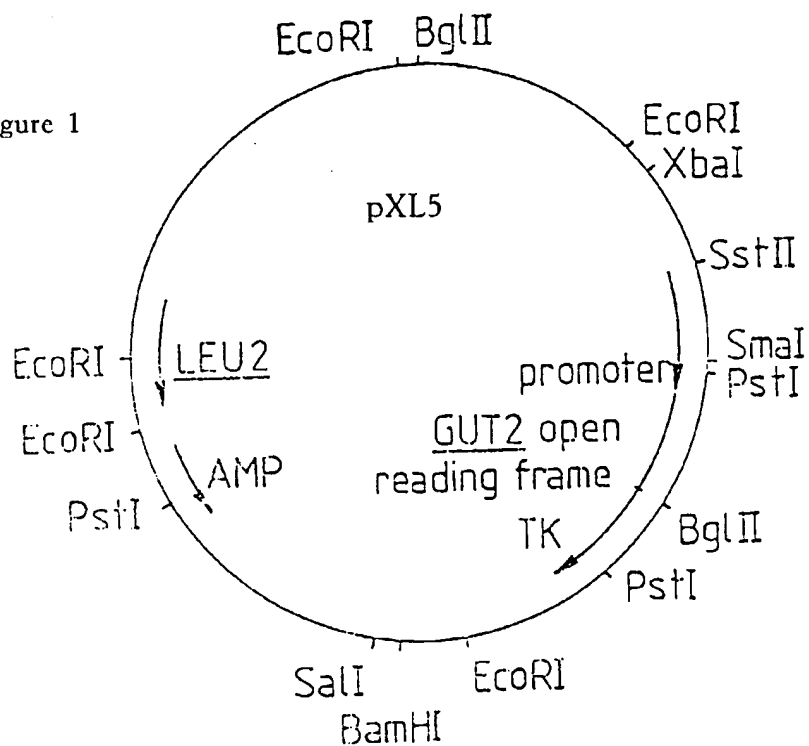


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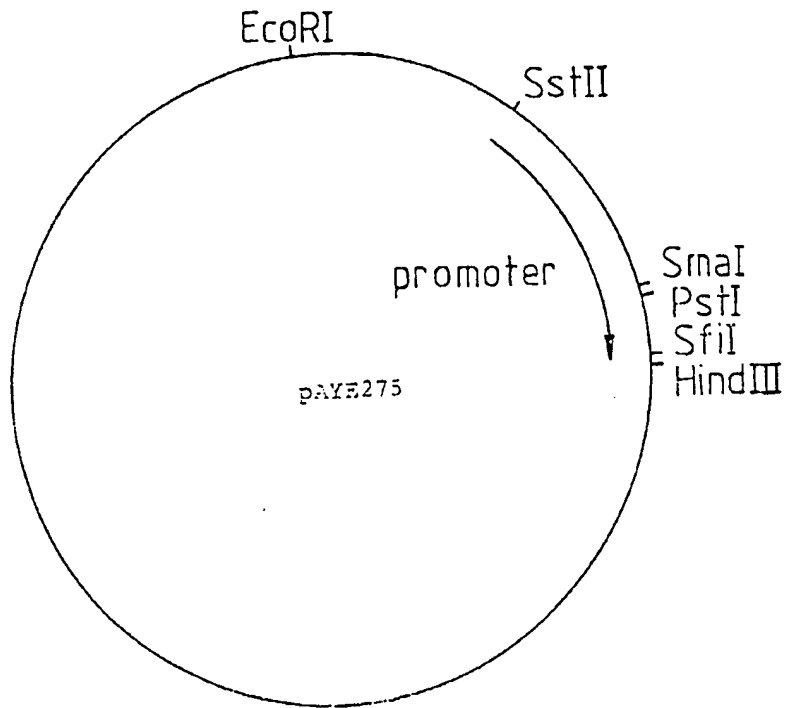


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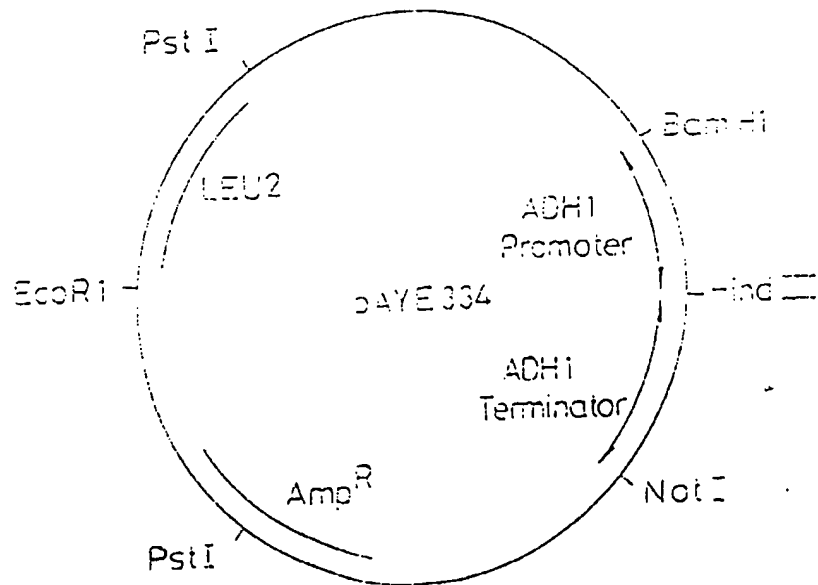


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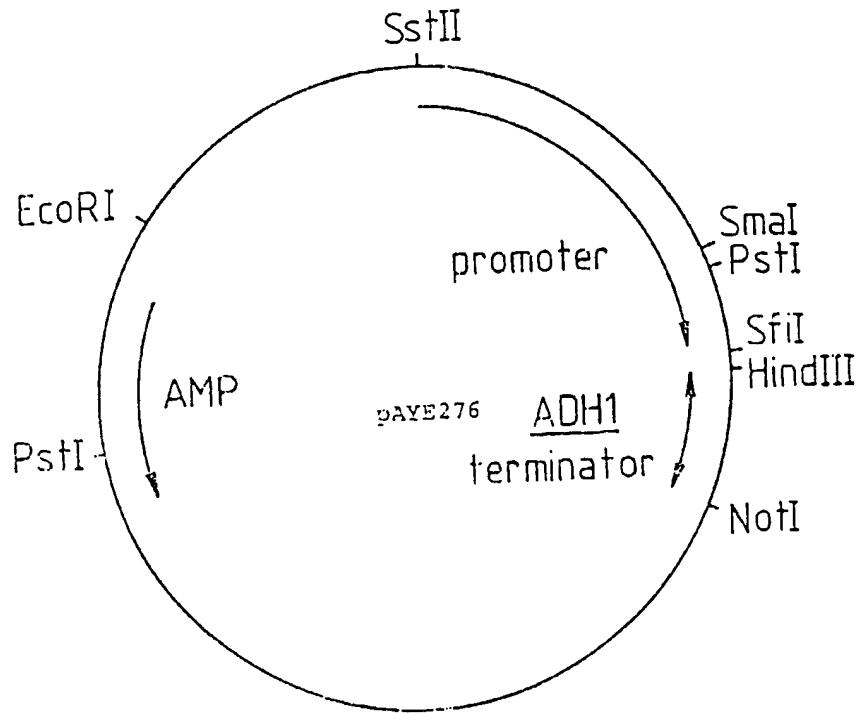


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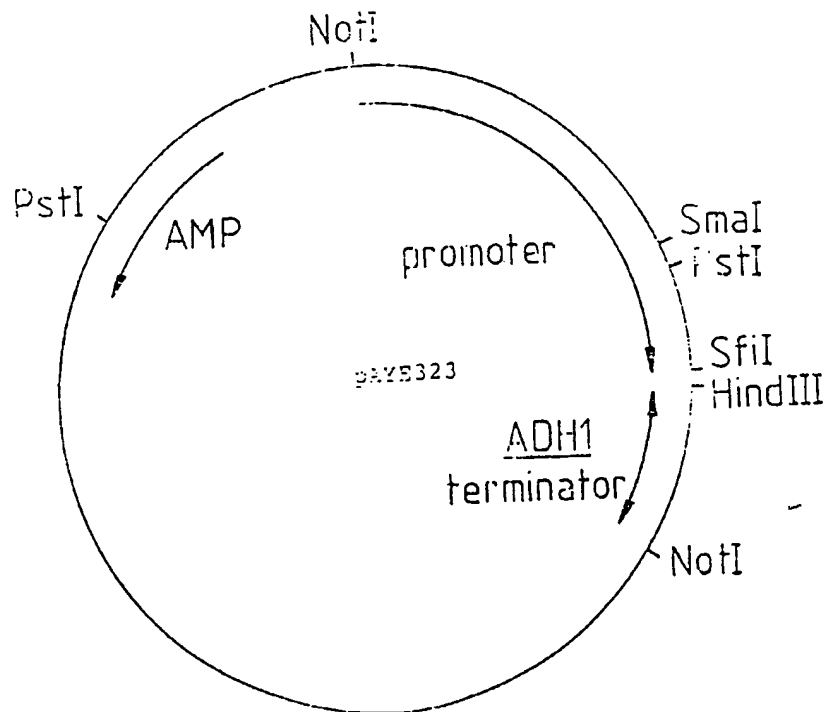


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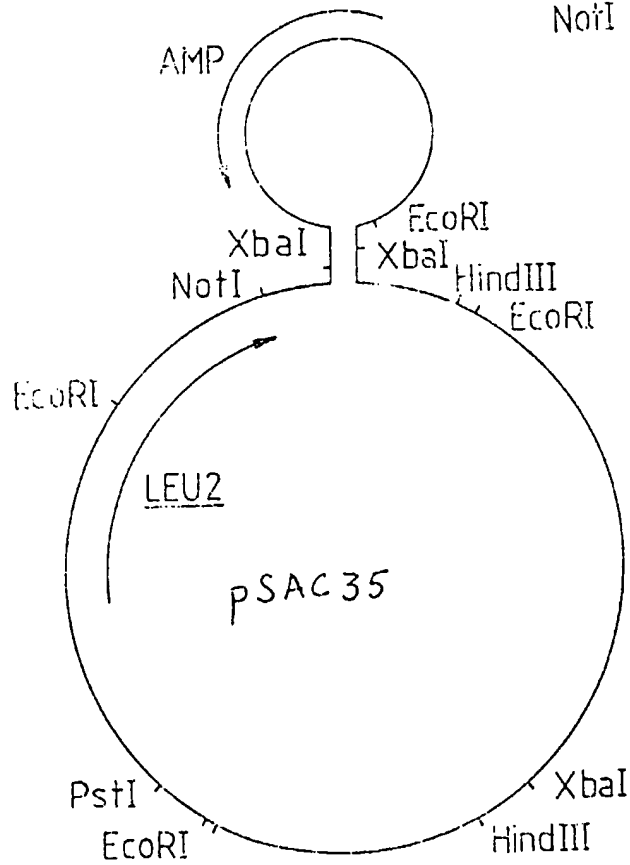
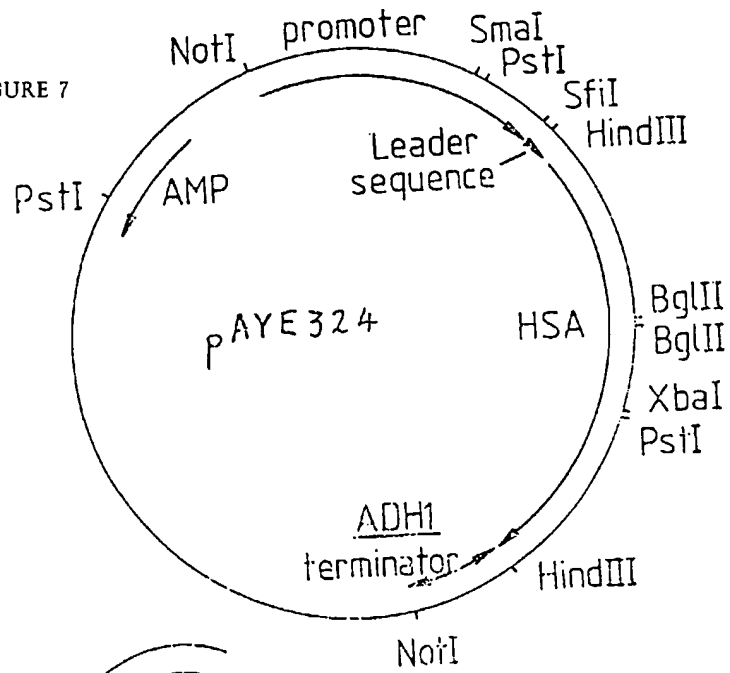


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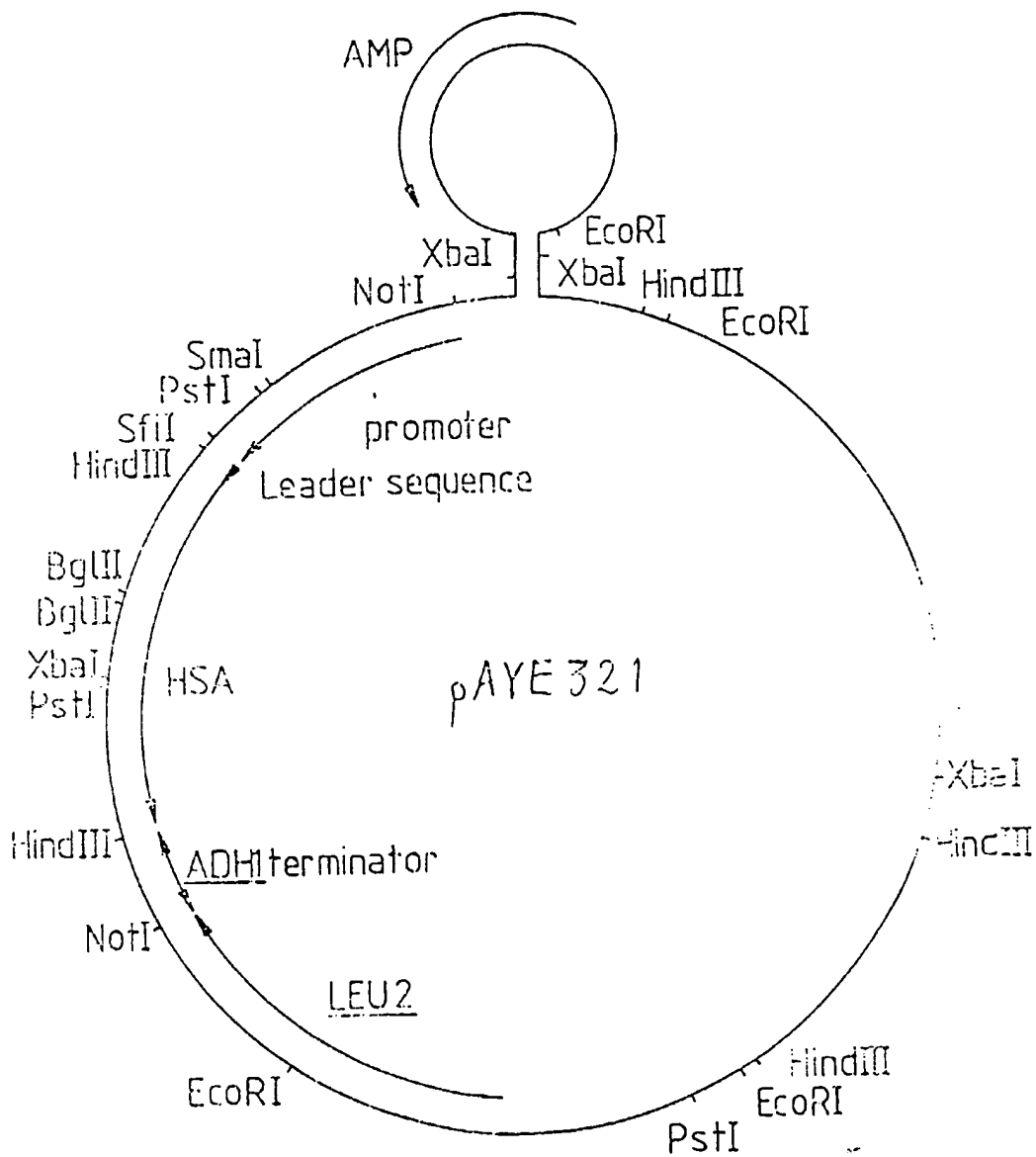


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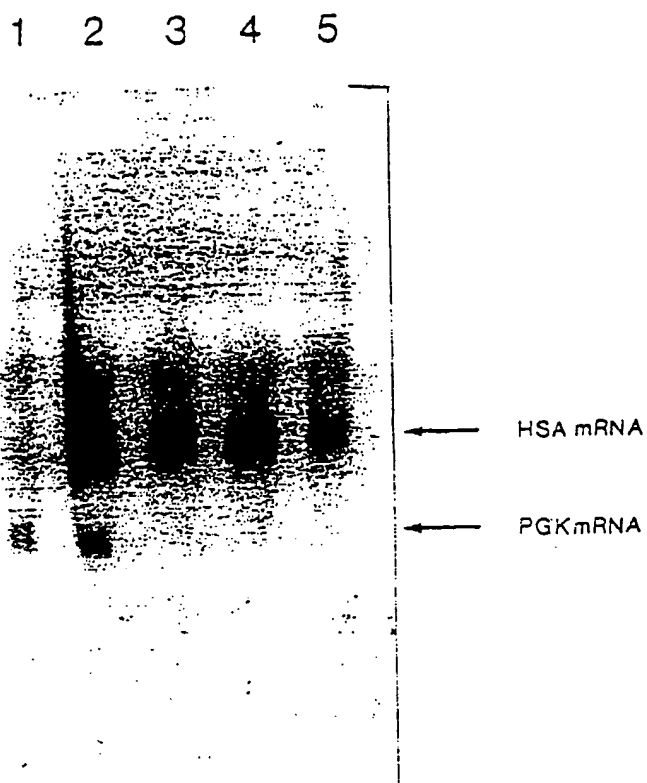


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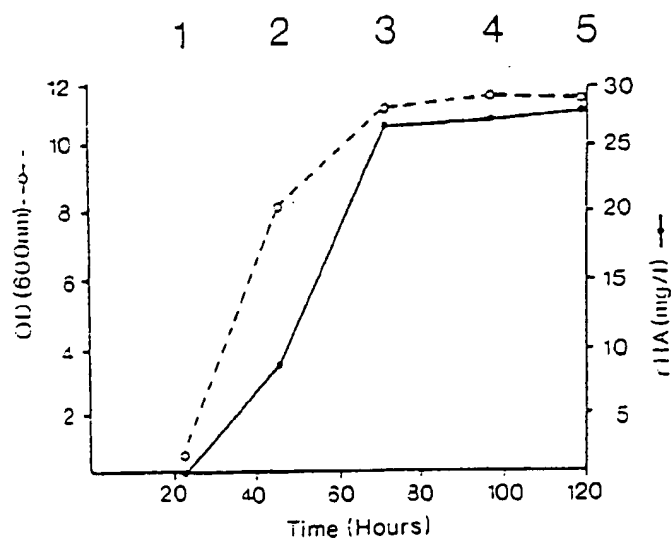


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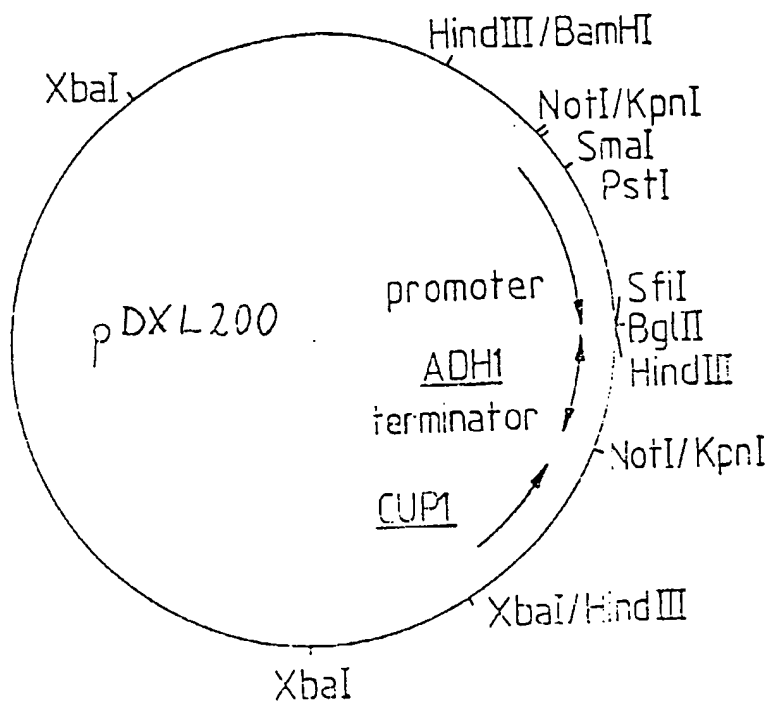


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